



2023 FLORIDA STATE JUNIOR FESTIVAL STUDENT GUIDELINES

ALCOHOL/DRUGS

Students consuming alcohol or illegal drugs or under the influence of alcohol or drugs at any time during the Festival will be returned home on the first violation.

BADGES

Festival badges must be worn by delegates at all times during the Festival. If a student loses their badge, the TROUPE DIRECTOR must purchase a replacement at the registration desk.

COURTESY

Students are expected to behave in a manner which reflects positively upon their individual schools and Florida Junior Thespians. Students who exhibit improper and boorish behavior in public, including restaurants (refusing to tip servers, removing tips, etc.), elevators, hotel lobbies, theaters, and workshop locations, may be subject to disciplinary action by the State Board. Troupe Directors and chaperones have the authority to take the badges of delegates whose behavior reflects poorly upon Florida Junior Thespians.

CURFEW

All delegates (students and adults alike) will be required to be in their assigned hotel rooms by curfew. After curfew time no one is to receive deliveries of any kind; no one is to leave his/her room. 'Lights out' (quiet hours) will commence at 11:00 PM with all exterior hotel room doors secured to ensure the safety of all delegates. Student delegates arriving after the curfew will report to their troupe director/chaperone and be subject to censure.

DRESS

Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times. Students are expected to dress in a manner which reflects positively upon their school and Florida Junior Thespians. Tattered, revealing, or otherwise inappropriate clothing should be avoided.

EMERGENCIES

Security personnel are available at all times at all sites of the Festival. Illness or accidents should be reported to the student's troupe director or chaperone.

FESTIVAL ATTENDANCE

All student delegates are required to attend the events scheduled during the Festival (productions, workshops, individual events, etc.) Delegates are not permitted, under any circumstances, to leave the Festival events without troupe director/chaperone permission.

HOTEL ROOMS

Males (student and adult) will not be allowed in the hotel rooms of female delegates, and females (student and adult) will not be allowed in the hotel rooms of male delegates. Chaperones **MUST** be present if students wish to visit in mixed gender groups. Students are not permitted to be on balconies or ledges at any time.

LIABILITY

The host, all facilities, and Florida Junior Thespians shall not accept responsibility for the theft, loss, or breakage of personal effects, monies, or valuables.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Students are not permitted to bring fireworks, weapons, candles, incense, water pistols, toy guns, or other kinds of dangerous or distracting materials to the Festival.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Delegates are not allowed to remove bedding, furniture or other items from the hotel rooms. Delegates are not permitted to post room telephone numbers or phone messages on the room doors or windows. Delegates are required to keep their rooms locked. Delegates are not permitted to remove screens or open hotel windows from rooms or lounges. Delegates will be responsible for damage to the delegate's room or any damage caused by the delegate to ANY property. Florida Junior Thespians will bill the delegate, the parents, and/or the school for any damage fees not collected at the time of checkout.

SMOKING

It is illegal for all middle school students to possess or use tobacco products at a school sponsored activity. Smoking, vaping, and the use of chewing tobacco will **NOT** be tolerated by Florida Junior Thespians.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Chaperones should attend a meeting with all student delegates from their troupe well in advance of departure in order to review the Festival Conduct requirements. Students will not be allowed to attend the

Festival unless they have agreed, in writing, to abide by the Festival Conduct guidelines and have completed the permission forms required by the school to attend an out-of-town event.

SWIMMING

There is to be no swimming in any hotel/motel pool.

THEATRE ETIQUETTE

Beverages, food, and gum are NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME in the theaters, exhibit areas, other performance spaces, or lobby areas. Appropriate theater etiquette is expected of student delegates, chaperones, and troupe directors. Inappropriate etiquette includes but is not limited to feet on the seats, disruptive behavior, leaving during a performance, improper language, the wearing of hats indoors, especially in the theaters or performing spaces, talking during any performance, or any discourtesy to other delegates, performers, and/or theatre personnel. Delegates are not only considered guests of the Festival, but also representatives of their individual schools. Delegates are expected to behave accordingly at all times.

VIOLATIONS

Badges of any delegate violating any rule may be taken by ANY troupe director or chaperone and turned in at the registration area. Any infraction of the rules will result in a letter to the principal from the Junior Thespian Chair, and a call to the student's parents and/or guardian. Repeat violations can restrict individual delegates or entire troupes from receiving ratings and/or attending future Festivals. Parents and/or guardians will be financially responsible for any cost incurred by a student who is sent home from the Festival.

VISITORS

Individuals who are not members of the troupe, official troupe directors, or chaperones are not permitted to travel with the group, or attend the Festival.